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Office Action Summary

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Status

☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 9-24-01

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 8-16 and 18 is/are rejected.

☒ Claim(s) 5, 7, 17, 19 and 20 is/are objected to.

☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Other _____

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Claims 8, 9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

These claims are vague and indefinite. In claim 8 "said sealing resin" has no antecedent basis. It appears the claim should depend from claim 7 rather than claim 6.

In claim 9, "said multi-layered substrate" has no antecedent basis in parent. Claim 1. IN claim 11, it is not clear what constitutes "terminals for adjustment", adjustment of what? Because of the afore noted problems one cannot determine the metes and bounds of these claims.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-3, 6/1, 6/2,10,11,12, 18/1 and 18/2 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Japan (741), Japan (918), Knecht (Fig. 2), Hatanaka (Figs. 2, 9, 25 & 27) or Japan (052) (Fig. 1).

Claims 4, 6/4 and 18/4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102() as being anticipated by Knecht, Hatanaka or Japan (741).

Claims 13, 15, 16 and 18/13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Hatanaka (Fig. 27) or Japan (052) (combination of figs. 1 and 3).

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Claims 5, 7, 17, 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Further cited of interest are Fry and Pollard.

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